From: John Chu
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/24/02 2:02am
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Given the course and time that legal proceedings have taken for the Microsoft Anti-Trust Case, it would seem that Microsoft is winning this war, even if it is losing the battle. States have settled with Microsoft because they can ill-afford the monetary losses that they've indulged into this case. Microsoft lawyers cleverly petition to extend the case, and the Court keeps setting new dealines for hearings. Then there are the settlement offers that Microsoft offers, mere pittances that secretly hold a different agenda, underneath a veil of altruism. Microsoft is both demeaning and insulting the court's ignorance of the Software Industry. Evidence has already been shown that Microsoft has reaped, plundered, and murdered many an honest companies' viable products, and yet it continues to strong-arm many of its competitors today. It would seem that Microsoft's war of attrition is winning out over the Justice Dept. and States. It will win, whether or not it loses this case.

John Chu Saddleback College Student